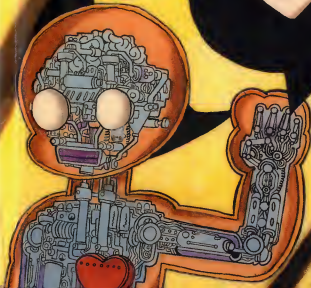


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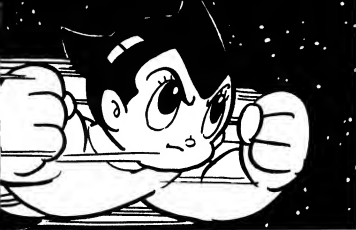
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ASTRO BOY TALES,
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THE STORY THUS FAR



It is the 21st century. A spaceship carrying Scara, a woman from a planet of locust-like creatures, crashes and explodes in Tokyo Bay. Astro Boy, who has come to the site to find out what happened, is tossed from the shock along with Scara into the fourth dimension. He finds himself not in the 21st century Tokyo in which he had been living, but in the 20th century, in 1969.

Astro and Scara start living together in Tokyo, but after a series of mishaps, Scara goes missing. Astro is sold by some evil men and winds up in Vietnam, where his body sinks to the bottom of the Mekong river after he runs out of energy.

In 1993 Astro's body is accidentally recovered from the river and shipped to his old friend Shingo Yamanaka. Shingo, now an adult, helps restore Astro to life.

When Chirichiru, a robot made by professor Ochanomizu, is mistakenly arrested for a crime, Astro catches the true criminal and proves Chiruchiru's innocence. But Chiruchiru is nonetheless sentenced to death and turned into scrap.

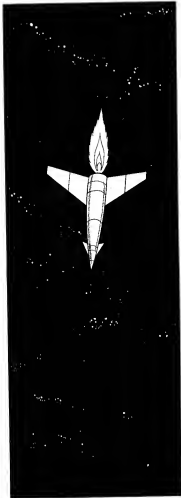
Astro again runs out of energy and, in a meadow on Mt. Tanigawa, gradually corrodes through exposure to the elements.

Time passes until it is again the 21st century. Dr. Tenma, the head of the Ministry of Science, loses his only son, Tobio, in a traffic accident. Using then state-of-the-art technology, he creates a robot identical to his son, but in order for this robot to come alive, Scara must blow up the Astro on Mt. Tanigawa. She does this because she knows two identical Astros cannot exist at the same time.

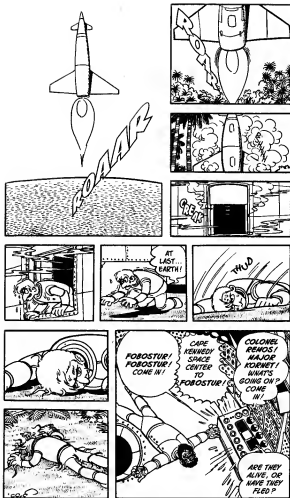
Dr. Tenma at first treats Astro just like his own son, Tobio, but the scientist begins to hate Astro because he doesn't grow, and he eventually sells him to the circus.



LIVING MOLD FROM OUTER SPACE

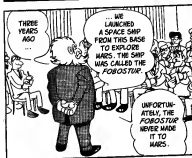


FOR A LONG, LONG WHILE,
ASTRO REMAINED SHUT
INSIDE THE KINGMASTER'S
LOCKER, OUT OF ENERGY
AND UNCONSCIOUS.
AND DURING THIS TIME,
SOMETHING HAPPENED
THAT TERRIFIED PEOPLE
ALL OVER THE EARTH.





CAPE ASTEROID SPACE CENTER.

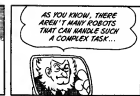


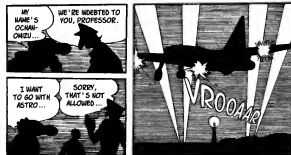
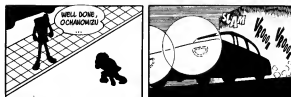
"WHAT FOLLOWED WAS A LIVING HELL. THE ILLNESS SPREAD LIKE WILDFIRE TO THE OTHER CREWMEMBERS, WHO BEGAN DYING, ONE BY ONE. IT WAS A FRIGHTENINGLY INFECTIOUS DISEASE, AND IF THE SHIP HAD RETURNED TO EARTH IN THAT CONDITION IT WOULD HAVE CAUSED A DISASTER OF UNTHINKABLE PROPORTIONS."

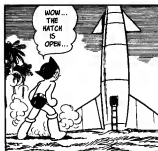
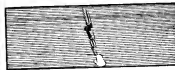
"WE DIDN'T HAVE
A MINUTE TO LOSE,
SO WE CONTACTED
THE SHIP AND TOLD
IT TO CHANGE COURSE
AND HEAD INTO OUTER
SPACE. WE TOLD THE
MEN THEY COULD
NEVER RETURN
TO EARTH."

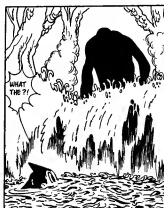


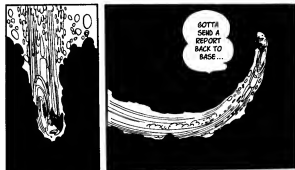
"WE HAD, IN EFFECT,
SENTENCED THE CREW
TO DEATH, BUT WE WERE
NONETHELESS SHOCKED
WHEN WE RECEIVED A
RESPONSE OF 'NO!' WE
THEN DISCOVERED
TO OUR HORROR THAT
THEY WERE ABOUT TO
ENTER THE EARTH'S
ATMOSPHERE..."













RE'DE WHAT?!



"THERE ONCE WAS A DYING PLANET, AND THE DUST-LIKE CREATURES ON IT DECIDED TO LEAVE..."

"THEY DRIFTED THROUGH SPACE, LOOKING FOR A NEW PLACE TO LIVE..."

"THAT'S WHEN THEY CAME ACROSS OUR ROCKET SHIP..."

"THEY MISTOOK IT FOR A NEW PLANET..."

THESE ALIENS ALSO STARTED LIVING ON OUR BODIES...

BUT THEY'RE LIKE A DISEASE, RIGHT?

IT'S AS IF OUR BODIES WERE OFFERING TO THE ALIENS...

BUT AS YOU CAN SEE, OUR BODIES WEREN'T ENOUGH. THEY'VE BORROWED ALL THE TREES AND GRASSES ON THE ENTIRE ISLAND...

YOU MEAN THERE ARE ALIENS IN ALL THE PLANTS AROUND ME?

DON'T WORRY...

THEY DON'T WANT ANYTHING ELSE. THEY'RE SATISFIED, AND THEY'LL NEVER LEAVE THIS ISLAND...

ARE YOU SURE?

YES, THEY ARE PEACEFUL...

THEY WILL NEVER FIGHT WITH HUMANS...

B... BUT WHY'D THEY KILL THE PILOT THEN?

THAT WAS A MISTAKE... THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THEY'D DONE...

THAT IS ALL I HAVE TO SAY. IF YOU RETURN TO YOUR COUNTRY, YOU MUST TELL THE SCIENTISTS THERE...

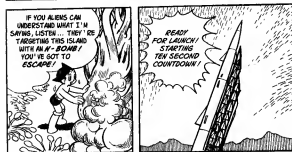
I WILL SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE HERE, WITH THE ALIENS...

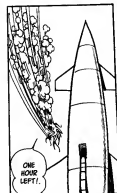


ASTRO CALLING GERRARD...

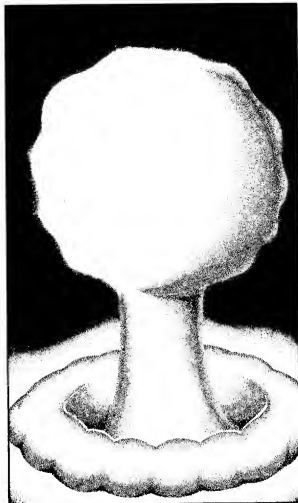
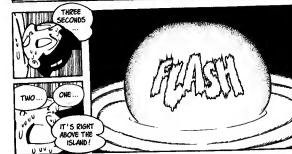
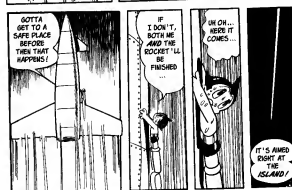
THANKS, ASTRO... BUT WE DON'T NEED ANY MORE REPORTS. I'M SORRY, BUT WE'RE GOING TO VAPORIZE THE ISLAND IN THREE HOURS. YOU'LL HAVE TO SHARE ITS FATE...

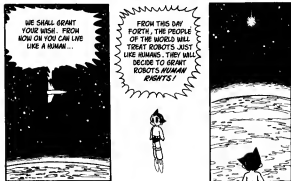
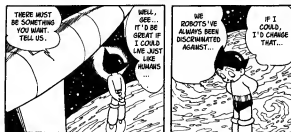
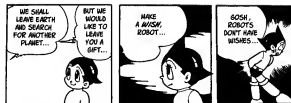
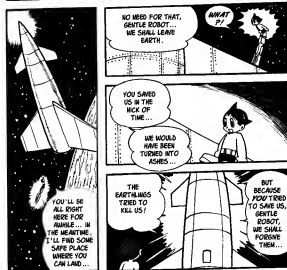








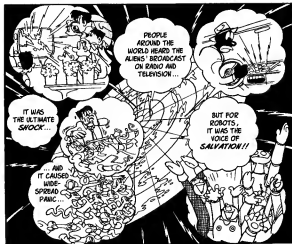


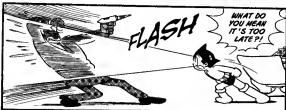
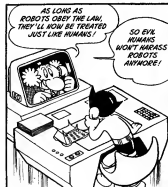


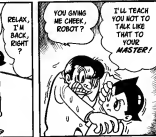


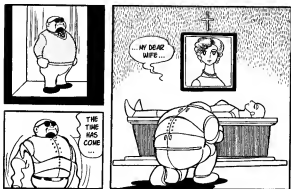
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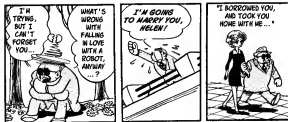
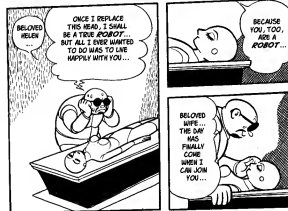
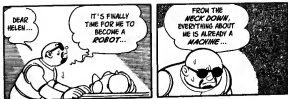


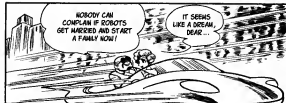


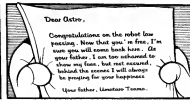




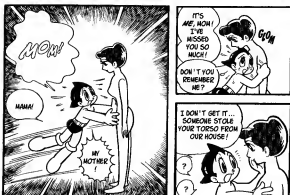


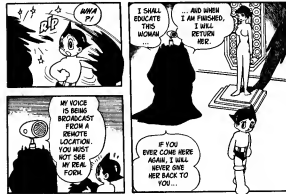


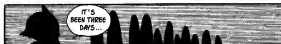
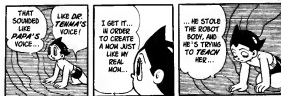


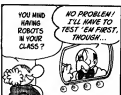






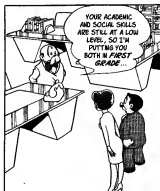






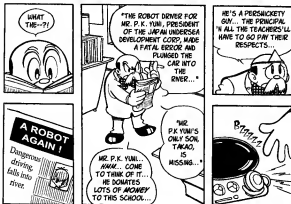
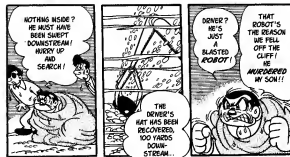
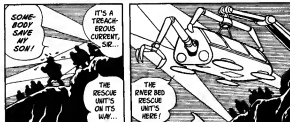


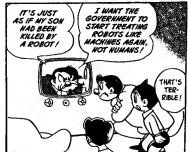
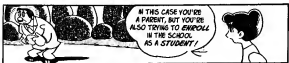
...AND YOU NEED TO DEVELOP YOUR HUMANITY, SO FIFTH GRADE'S ABOUT RIGHT

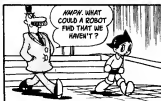


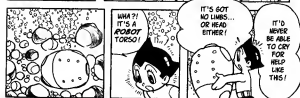
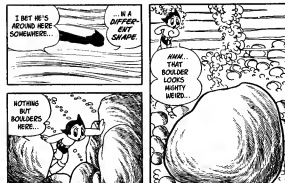
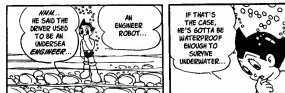
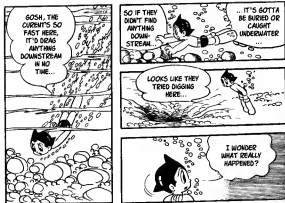
ASTRO GOES TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL













I BET THIS IS THE DRIVER'S TORSO! TIME TO TAKE IT TO SHORE...



LOOKS LIKE A ROUND BALL... BUT WHY WAS IT INSIDE THAT BOULDER?



UNDERSEA DEVELOPMENT CORP?

UM... COULD YOU TELL ME WHAT SPECIAL SKILLS THE ROBOT ENGINEER HAD?

UNDERSEA ROBOTS ARE MADE SO THEY CAN DIVE AND EMIT A SPECIAL FLUID THAT DECOMPOSES ROCKS.

AND THEY CAN CREATE OXYGEN AND HYDROGEN AND SUPPLY IT TO HUMANS UNDERWATER...

GOSH, THANKS...

WHO AM I...? UM... ER...



SO THOSE BUBBLES WERE OXYGEN!

MMH... I WONDER...



IT'S TIME TO OPEN UP THIS TORSO!



WHAP?



THIS HAS GOTTA BE MR. P.K. YUM'S SON, TAKAO!



TAKAO... SAY SOMETHING!!



YOU THINK YOU'RE STILL UNDER WATER, DON'T YOU...



RELAX... YOU'VE BEEN SAVED, TAKAO...

I'M AMAZED THAT YOU STAYED ALIVE IN THERE!



WHAT HAPPENED? DO YOU REMEMBER? I WANA KNOW...



I FELL INTO THE RIVER AND WAS DROWNING... THEN THE DRIVER MAN GRABBED ME BY THE LEGS...

HE FORCED ME INSIDE HIS BODY...

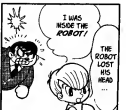
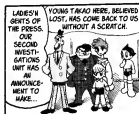
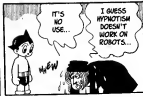


I HEARD THE SOUND OF HIS ARMS AND LEGS BEING TORN OFF...





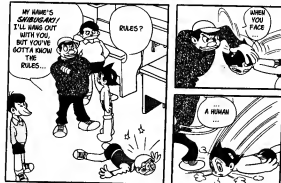
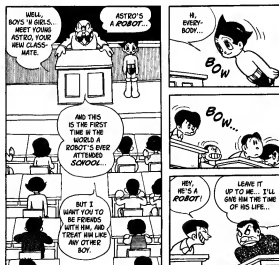














GONE WITH THE SNOW



AT MT. OTAFUKU'S
NISHIDARA, A FAMOUS
SKI RESORT IN THE
HOKURIKU AREA OF
JAPAN, THE SLOPES
ARE CROWDED WITH
PEOPLE FROM THE
CITY. ONE GROUP OF
FRIENDS DISCOVERS A
STRANGE PHENOMENON.
IN ONE VALLEY, THE
SNOW IS MEATLY MELTED
IN A BOWL-SHAPED
DEPRESSION.

NORMALLY THIS AVALOGE
WOULDN'T HAVE SEEMED
SO ODD, BUT AT THE
BOTTOM OF THE BOWL
THERE WAS A ROUND LENS
-LIKE, SHINING OBJECT...



WAZZAT? A
HOT SPRING ON MT.
OTAFUKU? YOU SAY
IT'S *RADIOACTIVE*?
MUST BE ONE A THEM
HEALTH - RADIUM
HOT SPRINGS!



WHAT A
TRAGEDY
...



WE NEED MORE INFORMATION,
MISTER... DON'T JUST TELL US
IT'S A NEW HOT SPRING...

WE HEAR RUMORS
THAT A DUD *ATOMIC*
BOMB FELL THERE...

PLEASE, GENTLEMEN... WE
DON'T KNOW WHAT HAS HAP-
PENED YET, SO I'VE NOTHING
TO ANNOUNCE...



THIS IS NO
HOT SPRING!
SOMETHING WHITE
HOT'S IN THE
CENTER, AND IT'S
MELTING THE
SNOW AND
CONVERTING IT
TO WATER...

GUESS WE'LL
KNOW WHAT IT IS WHEN
THE INVESTIGATORS
GET HERE...



PRO-
FESSOR!
COME
QUICK!



LOOK!
SOMETHING CAME
OUT OF THE
HOLE!

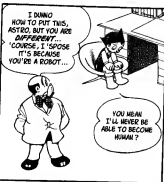
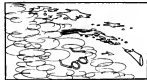
IT LEFT
FOOT-
PRINTS IN
THE
SNOW!

MUST'VE
COME
RIGHT OUT
OF THE
STEAM
AND
WANDERED
OFF...

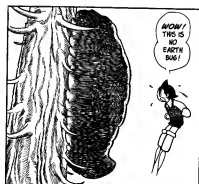


CAN'T
BE HUMAN OR
ANIMAL...

LET'S
TRACK
IT...

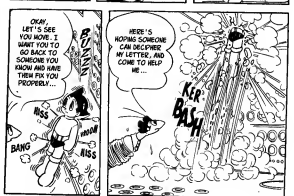
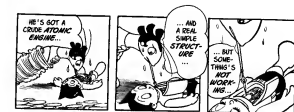
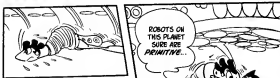
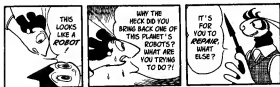


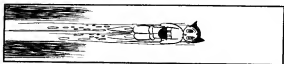
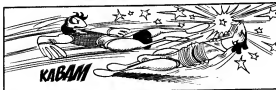


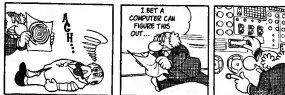
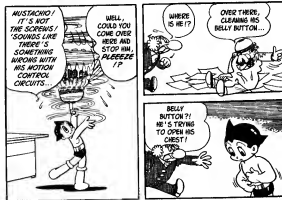










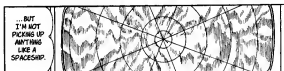




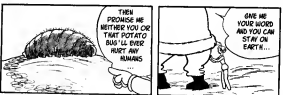
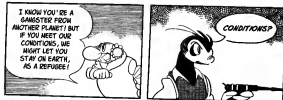
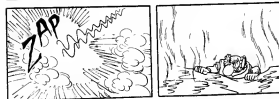


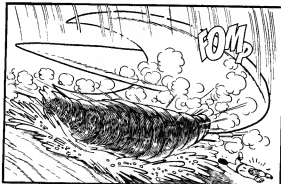
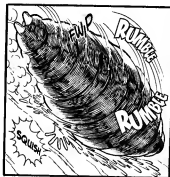
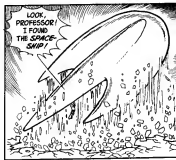




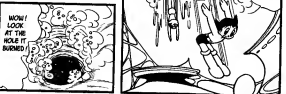
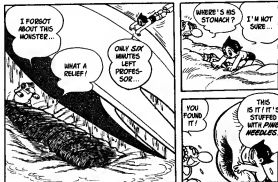


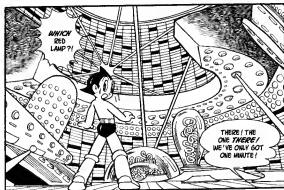


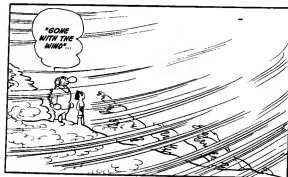








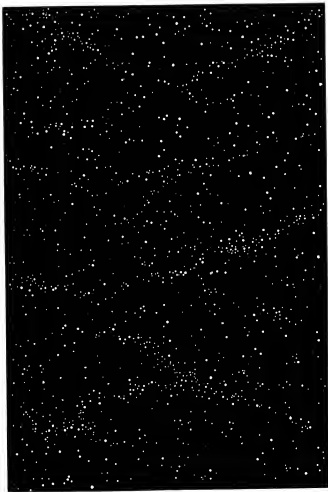


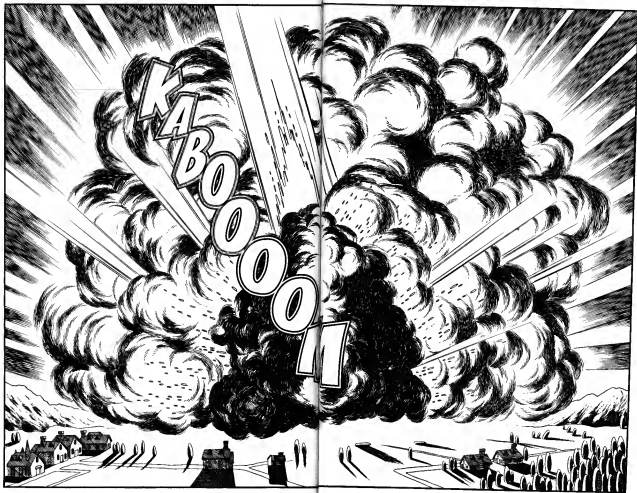


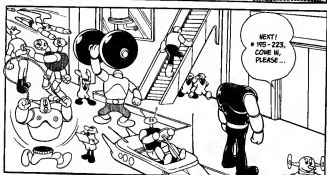
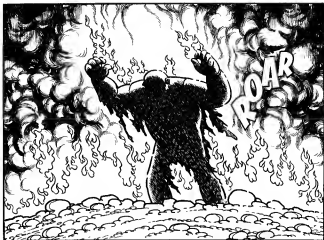


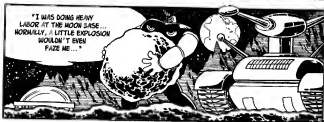
THE FACELESS ROBOT

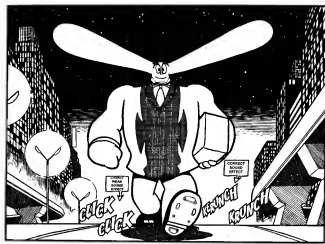
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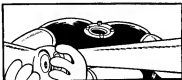


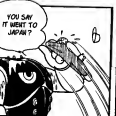














JAPAN, EH?



HELLO? PROFESSOR OCHANOMIZU?

Zzz

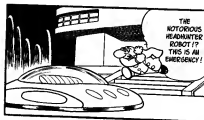


YUP... UM... OCHANOMIZU HERE...

DANDAN'S WHAT?!



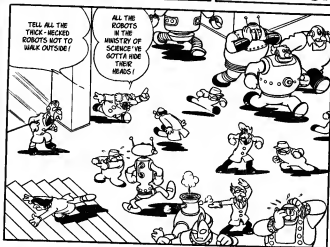
HE'S HEADED FOR JAPAN?!



THE NOTORIOUS HEADHUNTER ROBOT? THIS IS AN EMERGENCY!



BUT WHY JAPAN, OF ALL PLACES?



TELL ALL THE THICK-NECKED ROBOTS NOT TO WALK OUTSIDE!

ALL THE ROBOTS IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE 'VE GOTTA HIDE THEIR HEADS!



THIS IS TERRIBLE NEWS, PROFESSOR!

I'LL SAY, ASTRO! I'VE GOT A JOB FOR YOU!



DANDAN'S PROBABLY SOMEWHERE NEAR TOKYO OR NAGOYA... I WANT YOU TO USE WHATEVER ENERGY YOU'VE GOT TO LOOK OUT FOR HIM...

IF YOU SEE HIM, REPORT TO ME BY RADIO RIGHT AWAY!



HERE WE GO!



DANDAM'S A POWERFUL ROBOT FROM THE SPACE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. I'D BETTER BE CAREFUL!



I'M FLYING OVER THE COASTLINE, PROFESSOR, BUT I DON'T SEE ANYTHING THAT LOOKS LIKE DANDAM YET. OVER...

GOOD WORK, ASTRO...



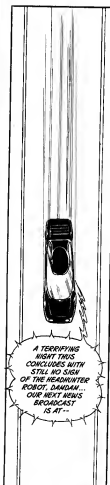
HOW'S EVERYTHING LOOK THERE, GUYS?

NOTHING UNUSUAL HERE, ASTRO...



WATCH OUT, ASTRO. DANDAM'S GOT THIS STRANGE EYE-LIKE DEVICE IN HIS CHEST, AND IT EMITS SPECIAL ENERGY-BLOCKING RAYS THAT'LL MAKE YOU FEEL SUDDENLY WEAK...

GOTCHA...



A TERRIFYING NIGHT THIS CONCLUDES WITH STILL NO SIGN OF THE HEADHUNTER ROBOT. DANDAM... OUR NEXT NEWS BROADCAST IS AT...



SCREECH



BE CAREFUL CARRYING THAT THING...



WHO GOES THERE?



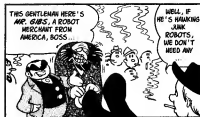
SOMEONE TO MEET THE BOSS...

CRACK

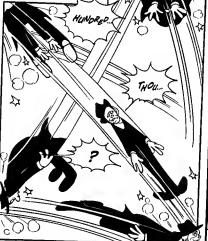
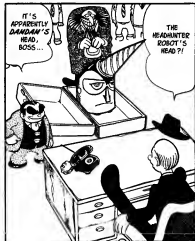


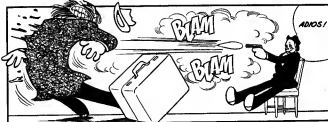
GOT AN INTERESTING LITTLE PURCHASE FOR YOU, MR. KUSH...

THIS IS WHAT I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR...

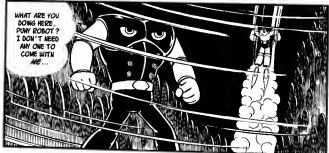


WELL, IF HE'S HAWKING JUNK ROBOTS, WE DON'T NEED ANY...



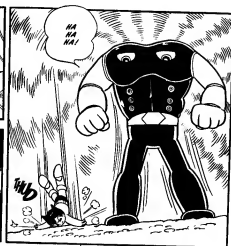
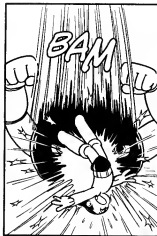






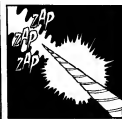
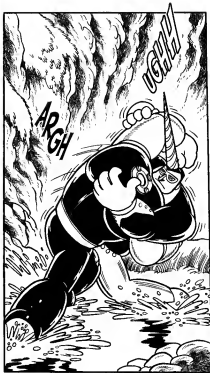
SO PROFESSOR
OCHANOMIZU
CAN TURN
OFF YOUR
ENERGY...

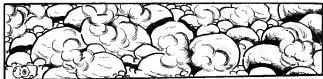


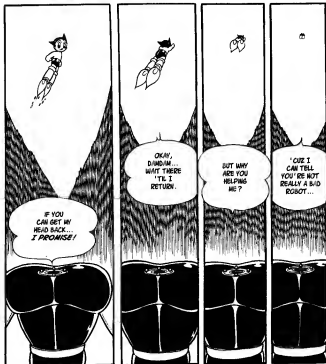


STOP!















HOPE, NEVER SEEN HIM...



YOU'RE LYING!!



NO USE HANGING IT, MISTER! I KNOW YOU MADE HIM!!



DON'T KNOW NOTHIN'! NOTHIN'! NOTHIN'!! I SWEAR!

LIE! I CAN TELL WHEN PEOPLE AREN'T TELLING THE TRUTH!



I BET SOMEONE'S FORCING YOU TO KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT, RIGHT? MAYBE EVEN PAID YOU?!

HOPE... NEVER GOT A NICKEL TO KEEP QUIET!



YOU'RE LYING AGAIN!



KAZING

BAM



BAM

BAM

BAM

WATCH OUT!



RATATATAT

NOW I KNOW WHY YOU COULDN'T TALK!



LIKE STACKING UP A FAMILY OF TURTLES!



OKAY, WHO'S YOUR BOSS?!

SKU...

...AK



IT'S ACCU-PRESSURE NAPTINE FOR YOU GUYS NOW!

BOMB!



THEY SAID "SKANK" ... THE GANGSTER, SKANK KUSAI!

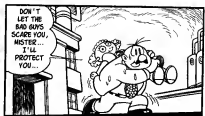
YOU'VE GOTTA TAKE ME TO HIM, MISTER!



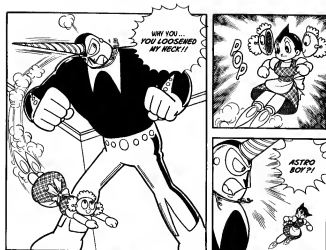
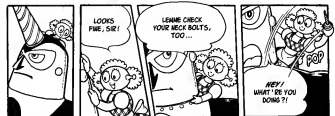
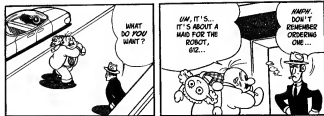
TIME FOR A DIS-GUISE ...

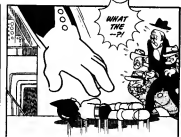
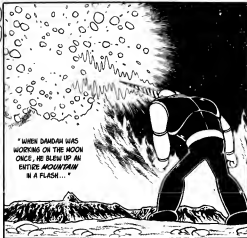


THIS WAY THEY'LL THINK I'M A HAIR ROBOT!



DON'T LET THE BAD GUYS SCARE YOU, MISTER ... I'LL PROTECT YOU ...







GIZ! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?! DON'T REFUEL ASTRO!!



WHY YOU LOOK-HEAD ROBOT!



I'VE GOT MY ENERGY BACK! NOW IT'S POWER TURN, SKUNK KUSA!

BONK

BASH

KABOOM

POW



I WANT YOU TO MAKE ME A NEW ONE AND ATTACH IT... HA HA HA!



DR. MAXON... DO ME A FAVOR AND TAKE THIS HEAD OFF...

WHAT?!



KAHUD



SORRY IT TURNED OUT THIS WAY, GIZ...



I NEED TO BORROW THE HEAD, DR. MAXON...



DANDAN'S WAITING FOR IT...

DAN-DAN?! WHERE ON EARTH IS HE?!



HE'S WAITING
FOR ME TO
BRING HIM BACK
HIS HEAD...
I PROMISED
HIM...



NO!!
NO,
NO,
NO!!

PUT THAT
HEAD BACK ON HIM,
AND GOD KNOWS
WHAT'LL HAPPEN!!



OKAY...BUT
I PROMISED
HIM...

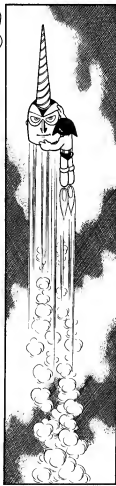
I'LL TRY
TO EXPLAIN
THINGS TO
HIM...

I'VE
GOTTA
TAKE IT
BACK TO
HIM...



THERE'S NO WAY
AROUND IT, I GUESS...
BUT YOU'VE GOT TO
PERSUADE
HIM TO GIVE
UP THE IDEA,
ASTRO...

I'LL
DO MY
BEST...



YOU
BROUGHT
MY HEAD!!!



MY DEAR
HEAD! ASTRO
BOY! NOW CAN
I EVER THANK
YOU?!



PUT 'ER
RIGHT HERE,
ON MY
NECK...

OW,
DARNED,
WE'VE
GOTTA
TALK...

